

STATE CONVENTION

Of Representative Democrats at
Louisville
Eight Delegates at-Large to Kan-
sas City.

ARMONIOUS THROUGHOUT.

A harmonious and enthusiastic Democratic State Convention, composed of nearly 1000 representative delegates from the Commonwealth, in one of the most successful days' work completed the task set before it—selecting delegates to the National Convention to be held in Kansas City, selecting State electors, organizing the party machinery in such a manner as to place the selection of delegates in the hands of the voters, and adopting resolutions endorsing the Chicago platform and Bryan, and referring all State issues to the Lexington Convention.

Mr. Olie M. James, of Crittenden county, was elected temporary chairman of the convention by acclamation and Judge Frank E. Daugherty, of Nelson, presided as permanent chairman. Mr. C. C. Roe, of Louisville, acted as secretary of the convention throughout.

The platform adopted by the convention reaffirms the Chicago platform as a whole and in part, and instructs that the twenty-six votes of Kentucky be cast for William J. Bryan in the National Democratic Convention, to be held in Kansas City on July 4th. The platform denounces the National Administration and declares against militarism, imperialism and the formation of trusts. The financial legislation of the last Republican Congress and the financial policy of the National Administration



SENATOR J. C. S. BLACKBURN.

were condemned. The assassination of Gov. Wm. Goebel and the conduct of William S. Taylor in protecting the assassins of Goebel, adjourning the Legislature and denying the writ of habeas corpus, were condemned.

The platform contained no reference to State issues, though the amendment of the present election law was discussed in the committee room.

The only contest brought before the Committee on Credentials was that of Campbell county. The Berry-Hodge delegation was unseated and the credentials were given to the delegation headed by Col. R. W. Nelson and Mr. Geo. Traver.

The report of the Committee on Permanent Organization recommended the return to the old system of selecting precinct committeemen—that is, by a direct vote of the people, excepting in cities of the first and second classes. This clause applies to Louisville, which is the only city of the first class, and to Lexington, Covington and Newport, which are the only cities of the second class. The committee also recommended the selection of eight delegates-at-large to the National Convention instead of four. It was explained that each delegate would cast a half vote. There was some opposition to this, but it was carried almost unanimously by the call of the vote by counties, and the following were chosen as delegates and alternates:

STATE-AT-LARGE.

J. C. S. Blackburn, of Versailles; Louis McQueen, of Bowling Green; N. W. Ulev, of Eldysville; James P. Gregory, of Louisville; T. W. Brainerd, of Owensboro; Charles B. Poynaz, of Maysville; W. S. Pryor, of Henry county; J. B. McCreary, of Richmond.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Delegates—R. J. Bugg, Carlisle; Felix Grady, Trigg.
Alternates—John M. Malone, Murray; R. S. Smith, Hickman.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Delegates—Dr. E. R. Pennington, Daviss; R. B. Bradley, Hopkins.
Alternates—James Yeaman, Henderson; Judge W. W. Tabor, Hancock.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Delegates—John W. Jones, Barren; Speed Guff, Butler.
Alternates—J. N. Williams, Todd; C. C. Wright, Warren.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Delegates—Charles Spaulding, Marion; D. W. Whitman, Hart.
Alternates—George Fulton, Nelson; D. S. Roberts, Meade.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Delegates—John W. Vreeland, Louisville; R. Lee Suter, Louisville.
Alternates—Allen E. Smith, Louisville; Robert Lee Page, Louisville.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Delegates—R. B. Brown, Gallatin; W. Fred Miller, Campbell.
Alternates—Claude B. Terrell, Trimble.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Delegates—T. E. Moore, Bourbon; W. P. Thorne, Henry.
Alternates—J. R. Mount, Oldham; William Cronwell, Franklin.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Delegates—Harvey Helm, Madison county; Charles M. Lewis, Shelby county.
Alternates—R. L. Davidson, Garrard; L. B. Brown, Spencer.

NINTH DISTRICT.

Delegates—Dr. H. Smith, Harrison; R. P. Wilson, of Lewis.
Alternates—James E. Underwood, Carter; J. E. Newberry, Boyd.

TENTH DISTRICT.

Delegates—Abe Renick, Clark; Green Meeks, of Johnson.
Alternates—Rufus Hadden and C. P. Chenault, Montgomery.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

Delegates—W. R. Kress, Wayne; W. S. Knorr, Bell.
Alternates—R. C. Ford, Bell; D. R. Hammond, Laurel.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION.

We, your Committee on Permanent Organization, beg leave to make the following report:

We recommend Frank E. Daugherty as permanent chairman of this convention and C. C. Roe as the permanent Secretary of the convention, and James W. Stone and William Cronwell as permanent Secretaries.

We recommend that the number of delegates to the National Convention, to be held in Kansas City on July 4, 1900, from the State-at-large be increased from four to eight.

We recommend the following amendment to the existing rule governing the formation of county committeemen, to-wit: That hereafter whenever a vacancy occurs in any of the county or legislative district committeemen the same shall be filled by the Democrats of the precinct after ten days' notice, duly signed by the chairman and secretary of said committee, as to the time and place of holding said meeting for said purpose shall have been posted. Provided, that on the third Monday in November, 1900, the Democrats of the State shall meet at their various voting precincts at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. and proceed to select a committeeman to serve a term of four years, and that on the Monday following such precinct committeemen shall meet at their various county seats and organize by electing a chairman and Secretary of said county or district committee, who may or may not be a member of said committee. The chairman or any member of said committee may be removed for cause by a majority thereof.

The chairman or a majority of said committee may call a meeting of the same whenever they deem it necessary. Vacancies occurring in any of said committees after the reorganization

herein provided for shall be filled as herein before set forth.

If, after notice as aforesaid, there shall be no election held in any precinct, then the State Central Committee of the district, on recommendation of the chairman, or in the event he does not act within ten days after such failure of election, on recommendation of a majority of the committee of the county, fill such vacancy by the appointment of a Democrat of such precinct.

This amendment shall not apply to cities of the first and second classes.

We recommend Allie W. Young for chairman of the State Central Committee and the State Executive Committee, and Sam E. Jones as committee men in the State-at-large.

The report was adopted as above. Speeches were made by the four candidates for Governor—Joseph H. Lewis, J. C. W. Beckham, James D. Black and W. R. Stone, each avowing his devotion to the Democratic party and pledging support to the ticket to be nominated at Lexington.

A CORRECTION.

Last week in publishing the names of delegates to the Democratic Convention at Louisville there were included the names of several gentlemen who evidently are not in sympathy with the proceedings. The following taken from the Morning Herald of Saturday is self-explanatory:

"We, whose names are appended hereto, not desiring to be misunderstood, state that the use of our names as delegates to the convention which met in Louisville June 14, 1900 from this (Montgomery) county was unauthorized and without authority.

"We are still opposed to Goebelism, and those of us who were present at the county convention on last Saturday were there as mere spectators and not as participants."

Signed: B. F. Cockrell, John T. Woodford, J. D. Harper, R. C. Lloyd, T. M. Leach, W. P. Schooler, C. C. Schooler, S. W. Gaitskill, R. A. Mitchell, S. S. Priest, R. Harper, W. R. Nunnally, R. C. Robinson, T. H. Grubbs, R. Q. Drake, T. J. Bigstaff, C. G. Ragan, B. J. Peters, C. O. Mobley, J. H. Henry.

ROWAN NEWS.

Sheriff Fraley on Wednesday took to Frankfort John Patrick and Tom Dye, recently convicted.

W. A. Young and wife were in Louisville last week.

Work progresses nicely on the new hotel. Green Strotter, of Mt. Sterling, has brick work and plastering.

J. S. Hawkins, of Lexington, has come to Morehead to accept a clerkship in the bank.

State Treasury Taken By Sheriff.

A Frankfort dispatch on Saturday says: The State Treasury is in the custody of the Sheriff tonight. The transfer of all State offices from Republican to Democratic officials, except the Treasurer's office, was made yesterday, in compliance with the decision of the Court of Appeals. Assistant Treasurer Long said that he had received no authority from Treasurer Day to turn over the office, although he had telegraphed the latter, and he declined to let Democratic Treasurer Hager in. Hager took out a writ of possession in Judge Moore's court, and the Sheriff took possession.

Mt. Sterling Claimed Him Once.

C. J. Nugent Jr., son of Rev. C. J. Nugent, formerly of this city, has been granted the A. M. Degree by Kentucky Wesleyan College. Clarence is one of the brightest young men in the state. He has been teaching in the Academy at Campton for a year or two past, and has given eminent satisfaction. His rise in the world of education will be watched with interest by his many friends here.

Japanese After Kentucky Horses.

Four wealthy Japanese horsemen are now in Kentucky visiting the most famous studs, and will no doubt spend thousands of dollars for fast horses.

Killed By Lightning.

James Bratton, of Mason county, aged about 45, one of the county's best men, was killed on Thursday by lightning.

Mrs. John Jeffries, deaf and dumb, was killed near Greenburg.

The census enumerators for this city are progressing nicely with their work, and have not met with as many obstacles as was expected.

THE FAIR OF THE MAN WHO TRIES TO BE FUNNY IS SELDOM TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

Among the sad, familiar commonplace of life is the fact that no human being ever perfectly understands another. Any difference in knowledge, capacity or antecedents is enough to disturb a perfect correspondence between speaker and hearer. People, however, continue to go about with the pathetic illusion that they are understood, and many pairs of them really believe that they are "one." The philosopher knows that they are not, that when they seem to say or to desire the same thing the thought is different.

A familiar and elementary fact of life, and yet though all this is so, though even when a man tries his utmost to say what he really thinks, some different thought will certainly be attributed to him, people are actually found who deliberately say what they do not think and yet expect their real thoughts to be discovered! When once a habit of irony has grown upon a man he cannot resist it, however frequent his experience that he will be taken literally. Statistically worked out, the proportion of the race that understands irony is roughly .00000001. But you can never persuade the ironical man that he will be taken seriously; editors in particular are always trying to persuade him. The ironical man expounds some monstrous heresy by way of a joke; immediately he is surrounded by an infuriated crowd which has put him down for a monstrous heretic. In vain does he declare that he was only in fun; if the subject-matter is serious he will very likely be persecuted to the end of his life. But he goes on his ironical path incorrigible. I am not sure, indeed, that if he does succeed in convincing people that he was in fun his case will not be even worse. For then he will never be allowed to be in earnest; nobody will credit him with sincerity, and at his most sincere moment he will merely be thought guilty of an unusually poor joke.

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